

Listing of Claims:

(Claim 38 has been cancelled and claims 39-58 have been added)

1-38. (Canceled)

39. (New) A computer-implemented method for assisting a user to learn a subject, the method comprising:

- presenting materials on the subject to the user via a computer;
- monitoring a timing regarding an input by the user to the computer, with the input being in response to the materials;
- analyzing the timing; and
- adjusting the materials presented in response to the analysis of the timing,

wherein the adjustment is capable of improving the user's concentration in learning the subject.

40. (New) The method of claim 39 wherein:

- monitoring a timing comprises monitoring the timing during different periods within a session for learning the materials;
- analyzing the timing comprises comparing the timing from different periods; and
- adjusting the materials presented comprises adjusting the materials in response to a change in the timing from different periods.

41. (New) The method of claim 39 wherein monitoring the timing comprises monitoring a time lag between when material is presented and when the user first responds to the material.

42. (New) The method of claim 39 wherein monitoring the timing comprises monitoring a speed of the user's input.

43. (New) The method of claim 39 wherein adjusting the materials presented comprises adjusting the materials independent of the content of the input.

44. (New) The method of claim 39 wherein:

monitoring a timing comprises monitoring a timing from each of a number of inputs, and

analyzing the timing comprises analyzing based on averaging the timings of the number of inputs.

45. (New) The method of claim 39 wherein adjusting the materials presented comprises presenting a question in response to the analysis of the timing.

46. (New) The method of claim 45 wherein the question is unrelated to the subject.

47. (New) The method of claim 45 wherein the user's reply to the question is not used to assess the user's understanding of the subject.

48. (New) The method of claim 39 wherein adjusting the materials presented comprises adjusting at least one of the following in response to the analysis of the timing: a visual effect regarding presenting the materials, and an audio effect regarding presenting the materials.

49. (New) The method of claim 39 wherein adjusting the materials presented comprises changing a pace of the presentation of the materials in response to the analysis of the timing.

50. (New) The method of claim 39 wherein adjusting the materials presented comprises increasing a stimulation level of the materials in response to the analysis of the timing.

51. (New) The method of claim 39 wherein adjusting the materials presented comprises switching to a different set of materials in response to the analysis of the timing.

52. (New) A method for focusing a user's attention on materials teaching a subject, the method comprising:

presenting materials on the subject to the user via a computer;

waiting for a user input to the computer, with the input being related to the materials presented; and

upon a failure to receive the user input within a predetermined time period, adjusting the materials presented, wherein the adjustment is capable of attracting the user's attention to the materials.

53. (New) The method of claim 52 wherein waiting for a user input is related to waiting for an answer from the user to a question presented in the materials.

54. (New) The method of claim 52 wherein the user input is related to the user input to move the materials along for learning the materials.

55. (New) The method of claim 52 wherein adjusting the materials presented comprises presenting a question upon a failure to receive the user input within the predetermined time period.

56. (New) A method for assisting a user to learn one or more subject(s) over two or more working sessions, the method comprising:

retrieving a characteristic regarding a timing with respect to inputs by the user to a computer during one or more previous working sessions of the user;

presenting materials on a subject to the user via a computer;

monitoring a timing of an input by the user to the computer, with the input being in response to the materials;

analyzing the timing based at least in part on a comparison with the retrieved characteristic; and

adjusting the materials presented in response to the analysis of the timing, wherein the adjustment is capable of improving the user's concentration in learning the subject.

57. (New) The method of claim 56 further comprising updating the characteristic based on the monitored timing.

58. (New) A computer-implemented method for helping a user work on materials to learn a subject, the method comprising:

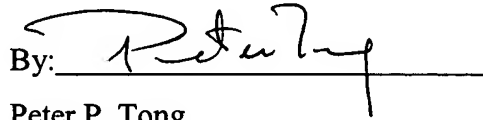
presenting materials on the subject to the user, the materials including visual materials presented on a display for a computer;

receiving more than one input from the user in connection with the materials presented, where there are at least two locations on the display to receive the inputs; and adjusting the materials presented in response to the locations of the inputs from the user, wherein based on the adjustment, the user's concentration in working on the materials can be improved.

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